TAB 6
PRIORITY SETTING PROCESS
AREA 3 - NORTH CENTRAL

The process of prioritizing subpopulations was conduced at the Core group level. Each morbidity zone (HMAZ or LMAZ) corresponds to a Core group (or two in the case of Wichita Falls/Abilene and the Rural North LMAZ). The Core group members reviewed the Area Epidemiological Profile for HMAZ or LMAZ data and completed the Worksheets for Ranking Subpopulations based on the morbidity and risk scores. No adjustments were made to the risk scores since adjustments (based on increasing the risk scores by 25%) did not change any rankings.

The option of adding HIV positive persons as a separate subpopulation was considered for those groups with high HIV case rates or high HIV morbidity ranks from the Epi Profile data. Risk profiles provided by TDH for persons testing HIV positive in the publicly funded counseling and testing programs were also used. Each Core group, in consultation with an epidemiologist, interpreted these data and decided on HIV positive subpopulations. Since no HIV positive specific risk or morbidity score was available, a total score was calculated for each HIV positive group based on the average total score for the African America, Anglo and Hispanic subpopulations within that group. For example, a M/MS HIV positive score was calculated by averaging the total scores for the 3 subpopulations for that BDTP.

The option of adding adolescents (under age 24) as a subpopulation of a BDTP was considered based on data from the Dallas Young Men's Survey, STD case rates, especially gonorrhea and chlamydia as well as STD morbidity ranks. Scores for adolescents were also averaged scores of the racial/ethnic subpopulations for that BDTP.

Each Core group reviewed the scores and ranked the populations by BDTP. High, medium, and low priorities were given based on "natural numerical" clusters for each BDTP. Ranking of high, medium and low subpopulations apply to each HMAZ or LMAZ independently.

No conflict of interest issues arose during the prioritization process.

TAB 6
List of Prioritized Subpopulations
Area 3 – North Central Texas

BDTP/Subpopulation	Dallas HMAZ		Score	Rank	Tarrant HMAZ		Score	Rank	N/NE HMAZ		Score	Rank	Rural LMAZ	
	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank
M/MS/African-American	213	1-H			190	3-H			138	7-M			168	5-M
M/MS/Hispanic	117	10-H			107	14-H			96	11-L			95	14-L
M/MS/White	120	9-H			109	13-H			90	12-L			98	13-L
M/MS/Adolescents	150	6-H			135	9-H				NR				NR
M/MS/HIV+	150	5-H			135	8-H			109	8-M			120	10-L
IDU men/African-American	168	2-H			210	1-H			269	1-H			226	2-H
IDU men/Hispanic	111	11-H			154	5-H			78	13-L			160	6-M
IDU men/White	102	12-H			112	12-H			156	4-M			130	8-M
IDU men/HIV+	127	7-H			159	4-H			159	3-M			172	3-M
IDU women/African-American	156	3-H			191	2-H			178	2-H			272	1-H
IDU women/Hispanic	81	17-M			113	11-H			101	9-M			118	11-M
IDU women/White	63	16-M			102	15-H			141	6-M			124	9-M
IDU women/HIV+	100	13-H			135	7-H			141	5-M			171	4-M
F/MS men/African-American	126	8-H			133	10-H			77	14-L			102	12-L
F/MS men/Hispanic	42	21-L			70	21-M			49	20-L			80	18-L
F/MS men/White	36	23-L			52	23-M			59	19-L			52	20-L
F/MS men/adolescents	68	20-M			85	19-M			68	16-L			87	17-L
F/MS men HIV+	68	19-M			85	18-H				NR				NR
F/MS women/African-American	150	4-H			154	6-H			99	10-L			136	7-M
F/MS women/Hispanic	72	18-M			79	20-M			63	17-L			92	15-L
F/MS women/White	39	22-L			64	22-M			60	18-L			62	19-L
F/MS women/adolescents	87	15-M			99	17-M			68	15-L			87	16-L
F/MS women/HIV+	87	14-M			99	16-H				NR				NR

H=high   M=medium   L=low   NR = not ranked for the HMAZ/LMAZ
Adolescent age is defined as 15-24 years.